

NOTICE OF MEETING IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Iron County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse in Hurley, Wisconsin. The meeting is open to the public per Chapter 19, Sub Chapter V, Wisconsin Statutes.

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Acknowledge that the meeting was properly called and posted.
4. Roll call of members.
5. Approval of minutes of June 26, 2018 as presented.
6. Communications.
7. Committee, Department Heads and Chairman's Report.
8. Public comment pursuant to Iron County Resolution #2341.
9. Discussion on proposed Flambeau Flowage ATV trail crossing Iron County lands.
10. Approve Foth Infrastructure Contract Amendment for construction services.
11. Discussion and possible action on conflict of interest issue concerning 2 members of Highway Committee.
12. Approve borrowing of funds from Chippewa Valley Bank for 2017 placement costs of Human Services which will allow increasing of levy limit for 2019 budget.
13. Resolution: Supporting telecommuting opportunities and telecommuter forward certification.
14. Adjournment.

NOTICE TO: Iron County Miner, Ironwood Daily Globe, WJMS Radio, WUPM Radio, Lakeland Times and to all board members.

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Good Morning Mike,

I spoke with Rick to see what kind of rate we can offer this year for the People Placement loan and the rate will be 3.25% for the new September loan. Prime rate has increased 4 times this year. The current Prime rate is at 5%.

Information needed to show in the minutes is as follows:

Title of Municipality

Chairman-Clerk/Treasurer (names)

Amount of Loan

Purpose of Loan

Rate – 3.25%

Equalized Value

Loan will be done through Chippewa Valley Bank

I will also need to know separate from the minutes of the meeting any current debt & purposes. (All debt not just with CVB) Of course a statement of equalized value also.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Kim Jaeger

Vice President

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From: Dean Law Office, P.C. <tmdean@westernuplaw.com>
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Joe:

Per our phone discussion, one or two members of the five member highway committee is/are employed by Northwoods Paving. The conflict of interest section of Iron County's code of ethics prohibits officials or employees from acting in regard to a financial interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties in the public interest. "Financial interest" means any interest which shall yield, directly or indirectly, a monetary or other material benefit to the officer or employee or to any person employing the officer or employee.

One specific conflict mentioned has to do with county contracts. Under section (6)(c)4(a) of the code of ethics, no official, employee, or agent of Iron County shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract awarded by the County if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. An award of a county contract by the highway committee to Northwoods Paving yields a monetary benefit to the company. If a committee member is employed by that company, the member is prohibited from voting on the matter by the County's code of ethics.

In summary, participating in the process of awarding a county contract to Northwoods Paving would be a conflict of interest for a committee member employed by that company. The easiest way to avoid any conflict in the letting of bids for paving contracts is for the committee member to abstain from any participation in the process.

I've attached a copy of Iron County's code of ethics for ease of reference. See sections (6)(a), (6)(b)1, and (6)(c)4(a).

I hope this answers your question but if not, feel free to contact me to discuss this further.

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IRON COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CODE OF ETHICS

(1) Declaration of Policy.

The proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that the government decisions and policy be made in proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a Code of Ethics for all County of Iron officials and employees, whether elected or appointed, paid or unpaid, including members of boards, committees and commissions of the County as well as any individuals who are candidates for elective office as soon as such individuals file nomination papers with the County. The purpose of this code is to establish guidelines for ethical standards of conduct for all such officials and employees by setting forth those acts or actions that are incompatible with the best interests of the County of Iron.

(2) Standards of Conduct.

There are certain provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes which should, while not set forth herein, be considered an integral part of any Code of Ethics.

Accordingly, the provisions of the following sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are made a part of this Code of Ethics and shall apply to public officials and employees whenever applicable, to-wit:

- Section 946.10 - Bribery of Public Officers and Employees
- Section 946.11 - Special Privileges from Public Utilities
- Section 946.12 - Misconduct in Public Office
- Section 946.13 - Private Interest in Public Contract Prohibited

(3) Responsibility of Public Office.

Public officials and employees are agents of public purpose and hold office for the benefit of the public. They are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state and carry out impartially the laws of the nation, state and municipality and to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their office regardless of personal considerations, recognizing that the public interest must be their prime concern.

(4) Dedicated Service

All officials and employees of the County of Iron should be loyal to the objectives expressed by the electorate and the programs developed to attain these objectives. Appointive officials and employees should adhere to the rules of work and performance established as the standard for their positions by the appropriate authority.

Officials and employees should not exceed their authority or breach the law or ask others to do so, and they should work in full cooperation with other public officials and employees unless prohibited from so doing by law or by officially recognized confidentiality of their work.

(5) Fair and Equal Treatment

(a) Use of Public Property. No official or employee shall request or permit the unauthorized use of County-owned vehicles, equipment, materials or property for personal convenience or profit.

(b) Obligations to Citizens. No official or employee shall grant any special consideration, treatment or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to every other citizen.

(5) Conflict of Interest

(a) Financial and Personal Interest Prohibited. No official or employee, whether paid or unpaid, shall engage in any business or transaction or shall act in regard to financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties in the public interest contrary to the provisions of this Code of Ethics or which would tend to impair independence of judgement or action in the performance of official duties.

(b) Definitions

1. Financial Interest. Any interest which shall yield, directly or indirectly, a monetary or other material benefit to the officer or employee or to any person employing or retaining the services of the officer or employee.
2. Personal Interest. Any interest arising from blood or marriage relationships or from close business or political associations, whether or not any financial interest is involved.
3. Person. Any person, corporation, partnership or joint venture.

(c) Specific Conflicts Enumerated

1. Incompatible Employment. No official or employee shall engage in or accept private

employment or render service, for private interest, when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of official duties or would tend to impair independence of judgement or action in the performance of official duties, unless otherwise permitted by law and unless disclosure is made as hereinafter provided.

2. Disclosure of Confidential Information. No official or employee shall, without proper legal authorization, disclose confidential information concerning the property, government, or affairs of the county, nor shall such information be used to advance the financial or other private interest of the official or employee or others.
3. Gifts and Favors. No official or employee shall accept any gift, whether in the form of service, loan, thing or promise, from any person which may tend to impair his or her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his or her duties or grant in the discharge of his or her duties any improper favor, service or thing of value. Any official who receives, directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts having an aggregate value of more than \$50.00 within any calendar year from any person who is known by said official or employee to be interested directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever in business dealings with the County upon which the official or employee has any influence or input or over which the official or employee has any jurisdiction, discretion or control, shall disclose the nature and value of such gifts to the Finance/Personnel Committee by January 20 next following the year in which the gift or gifts are received.

Gifts received by an official or employee under unusual circumstances should be referred to the Finance/Personnel Committee within 10 days of receipt for recommended disposition.

No official or employee may solicit or accept, either directly or indirectly, from any person or organization, money or anything of value if it could reasonably be expected to influence the employee's official actions or judgement or be considered a reward for any action or inaction on the part of the official or employee.

4. County Contracts.

- a) No official, employee or agent of Iron County shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract awarded by the County if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- b) No County officer or employee who in his/her capacity as such officer or employee participates in the making of a contract in which he/she has a private pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, or performs in regard to that contract some function requiring the exercise of discretion on his/her part, shall enter into any contract with the County unless the same would be permissible under Section 946.13 of the Wisconsin Statutes and

1. The contract is awarded through a process of public notice and competitive bidding, or
2. The County Board waives the requirement of this section after determining that it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
3. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the designation of a public depository

(c) Disclosure of Interest in Legislation. Any member of the County Board of Supervisors who has a financial interest or personal interest in any proposed legislation before the County Board or any committee thereof shall disclose on the records of the County Board and/or relevant committee, and/or the Finance/Personnel committee the nature and extent of such interest.

(7) Advisory Opinion.

Any questions as to the interpretation of any provisions of this Code of Ethics shall be referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee and/or County Board, which, if it deems it necessary or appropriate, may request an advisory opinion from the Iron County Corporation Counsel.

(8) Jurisdiction and Application.

The Finance and Personnel Committee shall have administrative jurisdiction over this Code of Ethics and shall be deemed the Ethics Committee for that purpose.

(a) The committee may make recommendations with respect to amendments to this Code of Ethics.

(b) Upon the sworn complaint of any person alleging facts which, if true, would constitute improper conduct under the provisions of this Code of Ethics, the committee shall conduct an investigation of the facts of the complaint. If the investigation indicates there may be a reasonable basis for the complaint justifying further investigation, the committee shall conduct a public hearing in accordance with the common law requirements of due process including notice, an opportunity to be heard, an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses and to present testimony and other evidence in support of the accused's position and an opportunity to be represented by counsel or other representative at the expense of the accused. The committee shall make written findings of fact and issue a written decision concerning the propriety of the conduct of the subject official or employee and the propriety of the conduct of the subject official or employee and shall refer the matter to the County Board for final disposition.

(c) In the event a member of the Finance and Personnel Committee is allegedly involved in an ethics code violation, the County Board Chairman, subject to the confirmation of the County Board, shall appoint another Supervisor to temporarily replace the member of the committee who is under investigation.

(d) In the event an employee, covered under a collective bargaining agreement, is allegedly involved in an ethics code violation, the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable collective bargaining agreement shall prevail in the administration and interpretation of this ethics code.

(9) Sanctions.

A determination that an official's or employee's actions constitute improper conduct under the provisions of this Code of Ethics may constitute cause for suspension, removal from office or employment, or other disciplinary action.

Sanctions, including any disciplinary action, that may affect employees covered under a labor agreement, will be consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable labor agreement.

(10) Distribution of Code of Ethics.

The County Clerk shall cause a copy of this Code of Ethics to be distributed to every public official and employee of the County of Iron within thirty (30) days after enactment of this code, to each County employee hired, as soon as practicable, and to each County official elected, entering upon his or her duties.

Each public official, the County Board Chairman, the Chairman of each Board, Commission or Committee and the Head of each Department, shall, between May 1st and May 31st, each year, review the provisions of this Code with his or her fellow Supervisors, Board, Commission, Committee members or Subordinates as the case may be, and certify to the County Clerk by June 15th that such annual review has been undertaken. A copy of this Code shall be continuously posted on each department bulletin board wherever situated, and shall be included in the Iron County Employee Policy Handbook.

Adoption moved by Supervisor Cisewski

Adoption Seconded by Supervisor Lambert

Code of Ethics declared adopted this 30th day of May, 2002.

BY:

ATTEST:

G. R. Krone
G. R. KRONE, Chairman

Michael J. Saari
MICHAEL J. SAARI, Clerk

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES
AND
TELECOMMUTER FORWARD CERTIFICATION**

AT A MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD HELD AT THE IRON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON 7/31/2018,

RESOLUTION - IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD!
CERTIFICATION;

WHEREAS, Iron County supports and commits to promote the availability of telecommuting options;

WHEREAS, Iron County hereby appoints Iron County Broadband Committee as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within Iron County including the following responsibilities:

1. Coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
2. Collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
3. Communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
4. Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established in the political subdivision at the time the political subdivision adopts the resolution.
5. Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
6. Maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office.
7. Making regular reports to the Iron County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Iron County Board of its support of telecommuting opportunities for Iron County in its application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification.

Dated: _____

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk

Joseph Pinardi
County Board Chairman

TELECOMMUTING in Iron County, WI

IRON COUNTY BROADBAND EXPANSION PROJECT

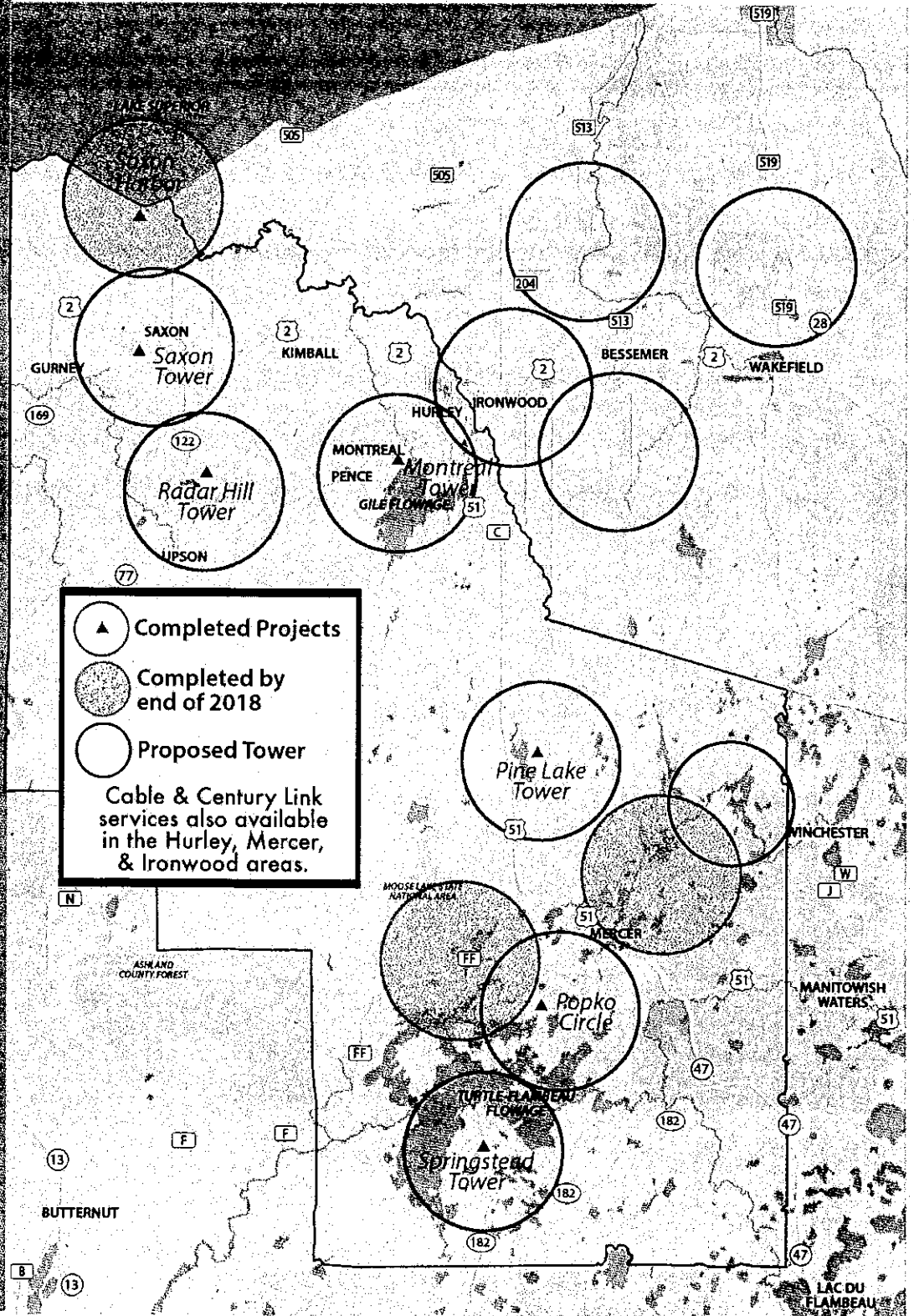
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For those who love the beautiful outdoors, Iron County, WI offers:

- Abundance of waterfalls to explore & enjoy
- Lakes & rivers for paddling, fishing, sailing & boating, including Lake Superior
- Cross country & downhill skiing
- Hundreds of miles of trails for ATV/UTVing, snowmobiling, hiking
- Forests for hunting & camping
- Quiet & peace
- Four seasons

For information on area Recreation & Events visit:
 Iron County Development Zone (ironcountynwi.com)
 Hurley Area Chamber of Commerce (hurleywi.com)
 Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce (mercercn.com)



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The following is the cash reconciliation for the month of June, 2018.

	Bank Balance	Outstanding Checks	Available Balance
<i>Chippewa Valley Bank</i>	<i>5,082,468.30</i>	<i>398,706.17</i>	<i>4,683,762.13</i>
<i>Cash in Office</i>			<i>1,000.00</i>
<i>Money Market Account</i>		<i>Interest to Date 154,561.15</i>	<i>825,449.61</i>
<i>*4-\$300,000 CDs</i>		<i>28,888.15</i>	<i>1,224,930.62</i>
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TOTAL AVAILABLE BALANCE			\$6,735,142.36
 <i>Total Disbursements</i>	 <i>General & Payroll</i>	 \$ 1,789,666.52	
 <i>Total Receipts</i>		 \$ 1,126,255.84	

Respectfully Submitted,

*Clara J. Maki
Iron County Treasurer*

**CD #41115 Redeemed 6/25/2018-Funds Deposited into General Account*

**MEETING OF THE IRON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 26, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Pinardi at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Michael Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Roll call, Present: Youngs, Thomas, Saari, Snyder, Krall, Hanson, Erickson, Sendra, Roberts, Thompson, Kichak, Matson, Aijala, Pinardi and Francis. Absent: None. Student Representatives present: Stuhr, Morello and Rodriquez. Absent: Nickel, Hohner and Botes.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Aijala to approve minutes of May 29, 2018 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk informed board that ESRI quoted Iron County for software that ties into new Spillman project in Sheriff's Department that will update our GIS mapping functions. Quote is \$24,750.00 and will be added on to budget amendment at end of the year since this was not in any budget for 2018. Board was not happy that this was not included in update at last month's meeting for extra costs for upgrades and Spillman project.

Chairman Pinardi corrected a story in Ironwood Daily Globe about unemployment rate for Iron County. Pinardi has figures that were over 7%, the highest in the state while Globe's story had the rate over 5%.

Chairman Pinardi informed board that Action Floors will be picking people up in the courthouse parking lot with a bus to make it easier for people to get to work in Mercer. Pinardi told board that parking space probably won't be a problem most days.

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Matson reported that Transportation Committee held a public hearing on a 5 year transportation plan. Hearing covered 2 issues: future funding and will people use the bus service.

Matson reported that Zoning is very busy this time of year, ahead of number of permits issued last year at this time.

Matson reported that LLC hosted a state camp with 25 of the best and brightest kids from the state in resource specialists.

Thompson reported that stumpage revenue as of today is \$1,142,389.70.

Hanson reported that the airport has had problems with the current septic system and it was discovered that a mound system that was installed years ago and never used might now be put into service.

Roberts reported that Forestry presented a plan to clean up the logs at the Sherman Tower site to the Finance Committee and Finance Committee accepted a bid of \$10,587.00. for 2014 Tahoe from Cheyka Motors of Schofield.

Roberts told board that the mentoring program in Human Services presently has 29 youths which is a program trying to reduce the number of child placements within Iron County.

Roberts also reported that Human Services has two new social workers starting in July.

Thomas reported that the mobile food pantry was held this week and air conditioning is being installed in the Memorial Building to help with hosting more summer wedding receptions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal thanked the board for protecting our tax dollars throughout the year.

It was announced that the August County Board Meeting will be held at the Mercer Community Center.

RESOLUTION 2951

ADOPTING OF THE UPDATED, MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Iron County, along with local units of government within Iron County to plan for and mitigate hazardous events;

AND WHEREAS, an update has been completed to the Iron County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan through the collective efforts of state, county and local units of government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Iron County Board of Supervisors adopts this updated, Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented by the Iron County Emergency Management Director.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Saari to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING/LAND & ZONING COMMITTEE TO COUNTY BOARD ON
HEARING OF PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Rezone the following:

Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an A-1 (Agriculture) District, part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 7, Township 46 North, Range 1 West, Town of Gurney, to bring the property into accordance with the future land use plan. (Site address is Potato River Falls Road). Billy and James Beesley, owners.

Motion by Matson, seconded by Aijala to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, a disaster, flooding and wind commencing in the early morning of June 15th, 2018 has caused extensive road damage and some trees on road ways, throughout the County and;

WHEREAS, county budgetary restraints and the extent of damage, the county is unable to meet the

disaster with the promptness and the financial burden caused by this disaster.

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin State Statutes it is necessary and expedient for the health and safety of the residents of Iron County to proclaim that emergency conditions exist.

Motion by Youngs, seconded by Aijala to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2952
REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING IRON COUNTY CDBG-EAP GRANT
FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE DUE TO 2018 FLOODING**

WHEREAS, Iron County is the recipient of a current Wisconsin Small Cities Community Development Block Grant-Emergency Assistance house program, administered by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Housing, Energy and Community Resources, for the purpose of housing activities; and

WHEREAS, heavy rains and storms impacted the areas covered under the current contract leaving owner-occupied and renter-occupied homes damaged or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, Iron County is the lead county for emergency assistance program covering up to eight counties; and

WHEREAS, after presentation and consideration, the Iron County Board of Supervisors formally requests an extension of the existing contract to enable eligible activities to receive assistance due to heavy rains and storms over June 16-18, 2018 and asks the State of Wisconsin for the following projects:

**Owner-Occupied & Renter-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Replacement of Homes,
Public Facility Improvements,
Business Assistance.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of the County of Iron does formally request an extension of the current CDBG-EAP to provide repairs and assistance to projects eligible under the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the County.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Erickson to adopt. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Hanson to move into closed session per 19.85(1)g, Wisconsin Statutes to discuss civil lawsuits against Mary and Andy Tijan. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION HELD:

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Matson to return to open session. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Kichak, seconded by Aijala to accept recommendation of Corporation Counsel to approve

stipulated judgement against Mary Tijan for amount of money stolen from county, cost of fiscal audit and interest computed at 6% on unpaid balance. Mary Tijan will not declare bankruptcy and said debt will not be dischargeable. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Snyder to adjourn at 6:45 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairperson Roberts.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Roberts, Saari, Erickson, Thomas and Pinardi. Absent: Kichak. Student Representatives, absent: Dayne Stuhr and Molly Hohner.

Clerk Mike Saari certified that the meeting was properly called and posted.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Saari to approve minutes of June 14, 2018 as presented. All aye. Motion carried

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk told committee that Bill Nasi had transported scrap metal from old sheriff's garage to Ashland and received \$92.75 at \$75/ton.

Discussion held on proposed wage increase for county employees for 2019. Erickson suggested that the cost of living be used. Clerk told committee that the average wage per hour is about \$25.00 per hour for county employees. Item to be discussed and acted upon at the August Finance meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacy Ofstad gave an overview on damage from last storm with county numbers at just under \$560,000.00. FEMA will be in the county next week to assess damage. Stacy asked about overtime issue for himself and Highway Commissioner from last storm.

Broadband grant will be applied for 2019 with county match to be \$18,000.00. Motion by Erickson, seconded by Thomas to place \$18,000.00 in 2019 budget to use for county match if the county is successful in gaining broadband grant. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on security doors on both sides of the District Attorney's Office. Proposal from Ironwood Glass is \$6,358.00. Bill Nasi will install metal frames while Ironwood Glass will install the glass to finish project. Nasi said a keypunch entry system will be about \$400.00 more. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Saari to authorize purchase of new doors and lock system up to \$7,000.00. Roll call. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on budget comparison reports for May 2018. Clerk answered questions from committee about certain budget figures. Motion by Saari, seconded by Thomas to approve budget comparison reports for May 2018. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion held on credit card bills and voucher numbers 1181 through 1406. Clerk answered questions by committee members. Question arose on why Iron County had an oil change done at Broadway Auto in Ironwood. Clerk told committee he'll find out why for next meeting. Motion by Thomas, seconded by

Erickson to approve credit card bills, voucher numbers 1181 through 1406 and check numbers 118955 through 119381. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pinardi, seconded by Saari to adjourn at 9:47 AM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk

Iron County Fair Association Minutes
June 21, 2018
Iron Co. Fairgrounds 4H Building- Saxon, WI

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tom Salzmann.

Present: Tom Salzmann, Brock Swartz, Eugene Luoma, Dan Rowe, Kirk Backman, Carol Alonen, Tara Krall, Ashley Passuello and Secretary Julie Orlich.

OTHER: Paul Mullard, Dayne Stuhr

Proper Public Notice of Meeting verified.

1. Motion made by Carol Alonen and seconded by Tara Krall to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 Regular Fair Board Meeting. Voted. Motion carried.

2. Financial Report and Fair Secretary's Report

Balance reported at last meeting May17, 2018 was \$35112.09. Deposit made since then include from sponsors \$1,500.00 from Mercier and \$200.00 from Avanti and ad payments of \$650.00, \$100.00, and \$325.00 for total deposit of \$2,775.00. Payments made since last meeting totaled \$603.52, which included CenturyLink \$42.62, Xcel \$60.90 and payroll expenses of \$200.00, and \$275.00, and \$25.00 to Raffle license. Balance in checking as of June 21, 2018 is \$37,283.57

Motion made Eugene Luoma, seconded by Tom Salzmann to accept the financial report as written. Voted. Motion carried.

3. UW Extension Reports -None

4. **Public Comment** – Paul Mullard request to be a Fair board member.

Motion made by Dan Rowe and seconded by Tara Krall to accept and nominate Paul Mullard as a fair board member. Voted. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Friend of the Fair plaques

The partition in the commercial building would make a good place to put the friend of the fair plaques. Will look at fixing the wood up on partition and place plaques on this and possible place on the east end of commercial building.

Review preliminary plan for new ticket booth

Plan for ticket booth is 8x8 with doors and windows and gable roof, possible concrete floor. Karl Krall did get quote from Carlson's Lumber for Ticket booth that is 8x8 with door and window and deliver for a total cost of \$1827.00. Tom Salzmänn and Paul Mullard will go to Carlson's Lumber on Monday 6/25/18 to get more details. Brock stated they could form a slab for ticket booth and he would talk to Nasi about the concrete floor.

Motion made by Brock Swartz and seconded by Carol Alonen to accept Carlson's Lumber Quote for ticket booth construction of \$1827.00 and if quote is different Tom S. would let Board know. Voted. Motion carried.

Consider offer for well drilling & pump installation from Binz Brothers Well Drilling

Binz Brothers is willing to drill a new well for free, Steve would drill well put pump in, pipe to the surface, go to pressure tank and hook to existing plumbing. 40 feet minimum casing. Board would be responsible for plumbing cost. Tara stated she would talk to Tim Krall to see if he could help with labor to offset some of those costs. Eugene will come to fairgrounds when Binz Brothers comes to put in well. Binz Brothers would just like the publicity for donating the drilling and installation.

Motion made by Tara Krall and seconded by Paul Mullard to accept the donation of the Installation and well drilling by Binz Brothers. Voted. Motion carried.

Status of Commercial Building lighting project and livestock barn and concrete projects

The project is complete as of 6/21/18 by Giovanoni's. ½ the deposit has been paid to them already, remaining balance will be paid when project completed.

Livestock barn concrete project the Market Steer section will be done first, and the rest will be on a lottery type draw. Kirk stated that Forslund may donate a roll of mesh or give at cost.

Tara will get ahold of Rapid Graphics to see about banners for Binz and Nasi to recognize them for all the help and donations. Carol will call Compeer and 4-H will recognize them for the grant for the concrete.

Food Booths at Fair

Message was left for Toni Ratkowski by Tom Salzmänn in regard to using the Old Lion's Club food booth. Discussion held in regard to making the food booth work for one more year.

Fair Premium Book

2018 Fair premium book will go to print on June 22, 2018. Discussion was held on possibly adding more pages for next year. Paul will contact Iron county Miner on 6/22/18 with last minute changes.

Advertising for 2018 fair

Discussion held to do advertising with Sam in the morning for the 2018 fair (have a 4-H member do advertising for Sam in the morning for July 31), the Thursday at Sharon's coffee clutch the week of the fair.

Discussion also held on becoming a Hurley and Mercer Chamber of Commerce Member Motion made by Kirk Backman and seconded by Tara Krall to become Hurley Chamber Member. Voted. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brock Swartz and seconded by Carol Alonen to become a Mercer Chamber Member if fee is under \$100. Voted. Motion carried.

Picnic Tables Purchase

Six picnic tables will be purchased. Books sent with Eugene for Tom K. to order tables.

Any other old business

Ordering of plaques for Laurie Stoffel and Karen Mattson.

Tom S. is calling for pricing on bedding from North Country (possible a ½ load), there is some bedding in north barn that may be enough. May have to purchase a whole load of bedding.

Washout behind horse arena

Town could take care of this, per Karl Krall. Prior to anything being done with washout someone would need to contact Tom Koivisto or Eugene Luoma.

6. NEW BUSINESS**Ashland Memorial Medical Center Sponsorship for Draft horse pull & 4-H robotic contest**

Ashland Memorial donated \$1500.00 and of that \$1000.00 will go to the Horse pull and \$500.00 will go to 4-H robotic contest.

Any other new business

Window in judge's stand in horse arena blew out and broke, needs to be replaced. Tom S. will talk to Butch Rowe and ask him to fix window.

The arena drag is Laurie Stoffel, will need to look at finding a new drag or asking to use Laurie's. Also, the poles for the arena are Sherry Zacharias, Kirk will contact her about using Them.

Bob Lulich is bringing a skid steer. Bleachers were ordered by Tom K, and he will also take care of the port-a-potty.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date will be July 12, 2018 at 6:30 pm

8. ADJOURN

Motion made by Brock Swartz and seconded by Tom Salzmänn to adjourn the meeting.
Voted. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Julie Orlich, Secretary

Iron County Economic Development and Legislative Committee

Minutes of the July 12, 2018 Meeting

at Iron County Courthouse

Present: Joe Pinardi, Larry Erickson, Vic Ouimette, Ken Saari, Larry Youngs, Jim Kichak, John Sendra, Jay Aijala

Absent:

Guests Present: Kelly Klein (ICDZC)

Agenda Item	Action Taken
1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Kelly Klein	
2. Roll Call: all present	
3. Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Klein said the meeting was posted	
4. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ouimette to approve the minutes, Sendra seconded it. M/C	Approved
5. Election of Chairman: Sendra nominated Ouimette as Chairman, no other nominations were made. Kichak made a motion to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Ouimette, Youngs made a second to the motion. M/C	Elected Ouimette
6. Election of Vice Chairman: Saari nominated Youngs as Vice Chairman, no other nominations were made. Kichak made a motion to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Youngs, Sendra made a second to the motion. M/C	Elected Youngs
7. 2018 Budget review: Klein reviewed progress on the 2018 budget and outlined the process for establishing the 2019 budget.	
8. Broadband Grant: Klein reviewed the current project underway at Spider Lake and Lake of the Falls, and then explained the new grant application for Fischer Lake. Klein also asked the committee to recommend a resolution to be certified as a Telecommuter Forward Community by the PSC. A motion was made by Saari supported by Erickson to recommend the resolution to the full county board. M/C	Recommend resolution
9. Other Business: None	
10. Public Comment: None	
11. Adjourn: A motion was made by Sendra and supported by Aijala to adjourn, M/C	

Kelly Klein. 7/13/18

MINUTES OF June 12, 2018 IRON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by T. Thompson, Chair, at the Forestry Conference Room, 607 3rd Ave. N, Hurley, WI. Forestry/Parks Committee members present include T. Thompson, W. Thomas, P. Hanson and S. Erickson. Others present during the meeting include: Eric Peterson, Forest Administrator; Tara Krall, Office Manager; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman; Bryce Berklund, WDNR. J. Kichak was absent.

Motion by P. Hanson supported by W. Thomas approving the agenda as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by W. Thomas supported by S. Erickson approving the minutes from May 8, 2018 and May 29, 2018 as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman report: None

Administrator Report: Current stumpage is \$1,300,539.56 versus \$1,048,863.80 at this time last year.

See attached for remaining Administrator Report.

DNR Report: Bryce reported that Kelly completed 22,000 acres of backlog recon during fire season. The crew began cutting out the Uller trail expansion this week. Timber sale establishment also continues. There has been no word on hiring an LTE or liaison yet.

Saxon Harbor Report: See attached for Saxon Harbor Report. Discussion about management and caretaking of the Harbor also took place. Further discussion and talks with other Harbor managers is needed at the August meeting.

Public Comment: A letter from Charlie Zinsmaster was distributed to committee members. T. Thompson mentioned that the dock at Lake of the Falls is a big hit.

Approve Woody Bros Contract #2746, tract 17-17. This is the sale that was recinded from M. Pemble for non-payment of the down payment. Woody Bros was the next highest bidder and is willing to take the sale.

Motion by W. Thomas supported by P. Hanson awarding Contract #2746, tract 17-17 to Woody Bros at their bid prices from the 2017 Fall Timber Sale. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve 2018 Spring Timber Sale Contracts. Motion by S. Erickson supported by W. Thomas approving the following timber sale contracts:

Tract	Contract #	Contractor
12-17	2747	Corullo Forest Products
21-17	2748	Sappi North America
22-17	2749	Sappi North America
23-17	2750	Corullo Forest Products
24-17	2751	Corullo Forest Products
25-17	2752	Sappi North America
27-17	2753	Sappi North America
28-17	2754	North Country Lumber
29-17	2755	Woody Bros Logging
1-18	2756	Corullo Forest Products
4-18	2757	Corullo Forest Products
5-18	2758	Corullo Forest Products
7-18	2759	Corullo Forest Products

All in favor, motion carried.

Consider and approve Timber Sale Contract extensions. Motion by W. Thomas supported by P. Hanson approving a one-year extension for the following timber sales contracts:

Contractor	Contract #	Tract
Ashland Mat	2653	45-14
Corullo Forest Products	2697	11-16
Futurewood Corp	2552	19-12
Kangas Logging, Gary	2689	34-15
North Country Lumber	2600	40-13
Park Falls Hardwood	2656	2-15
Sappi Fine Paper	2526	51-11
Sappi North America	2696	10-16
Schloer Logging LLC	2692	4-16

All in favor, motion carried.

Approve updated Forester I and Forester II job descriptions. Motion by S. Erickson supported by W. Thomas approving the Forester I and Forester II job descriptions as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Move to closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85(1)(c) Wis Stats., to review Forester applications. Motion by W. Thomas supported by P. Hanson to move to closed session pursuant to Sec 19.85(1)(c) Wis Stats., to review Forester applications. Roll Call: Hanson, aye; Thomas, aye; Pinardi, aye; Thompson, aye; Erickson, aye. Motion carried.

Return to open session: Take action on items discussed in closed session. Motion by W. Thomas supported by S. Erickson to return to open session. Roll Call: Hanson, aye; Thomas, aye; Pinardi, aye; Thompson, aye; Erickson, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by W. Thomas supported by P. Hanson approving the bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 27 at 4:00 pm with Forester interviews beginning at 4:30 pm.

Motion by P. Hanson supported by S. Erickson to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Administrator's Report
Forestry Committee Meeting – June 12, 2018

2018 YTD Timber Sale Receipts -- \$1,300,539.56 vs \$1,048,863.80 in 2017 Difference - \$251,675.76 (24.0%)

Timber Sale Activity

- 5 Logging Crews working on ICF.
- 4 active sales (hauling, closeouts, etc.)
- Some summer road building being done with drier conditions.
- Angelo Aimone's last day was May 31st. Official retirement date of July 17, 2018.

Spring Timber Sales

- Bid Opening was June 7th at 9am.
- 14 sales offered, 13 sold with 37 total bids received.
- Estimated Sales Value of \$898,281.00
- 1,266 Acres Sold with 409 MBF & 20,103 Cords.

Recreation / County Parks / Roads

- ATV / UTV Trails opened May 17th.
- New drainfield completed at Lake of the Falls.
- Forestry Crew installing new fence along 4th Ave.
- New Uller Trail loop being cleared this week.
- Apple Creek Road Bridge delivered June 7th.
- Forestry Crew & Land & Water Conservation crew completed bank restoration and paddle craft portage at Shay's Dam.
- Forestry crew constructing Trail 17 reroute (2.2 miles, 2 bridges)
- Gravel crushing completed on Game Road. Crusher in Crawford Road pit now.

Miscellaneous

- Met with Diane O'Krongly & Bob Traczyk to look a possible relocation of Corrigan's Lookout Trail.
- Met with Springstead landowner about Broadband Tower ROW clean up. To report to Finance Committee on June 14th.
- Participated in Chapter 24 Ad Hoc meeting, Timber Marking.
- Participated in WCFA Administrator's Quarterly Conference Call.
- Met with Tony Martinez, Parks & Rec. Specialist for the Northern Highlands – American Legion State Forest.
- Met with Senator Janet Bewley, Representative Beth Meyers, Joe Pinardi, & Mike Saari to update on Saxon Harbor progress.

Saxon Harbor

- Contract #1 – Oronto Parker Creek Dredge completed.
- Final inspections needed before final billing.
- USACE contractor (Roan Salvage, Sturgeon Bay, WI) began dredging May 17th.
 - Approximately ½ done with USACE project area.
- FEMA has reviewed project scope of work changes submitted in December and February.
 - FEMA submitted request to reorganize format of dredge and marina data.
 - Request completed June 4th.
 - Final approval of Marina and Dredge Project expected any day.
- Contract #2 – Harbor Dredge & Basin Edge Reconstruction
 - Bid opening May 24th
 - 2 bids received
 - Roan Salvage - \$2,779,533.00
 - Ashland Construction - \$3,265,305.00
 - Bid Awarded to Roan Salvage pending final FEMA approval.
 - Contract to be completed by August 13, 2018.
- Contract #3 – Upland Marina Construction
 - Anticipated bid advertisement late – June or early July.
- New Campground
 - Environmental Assessment draft nearly completed.
 - After review by County and Engineers, draft to be submitted to FEMA for review.
 - Hoping to be able to advertise Campground project in September.
 - Construction bid package cannot be advertised before EA is completed and plans approved by FEMA.
- Insurables Project Worksheet needs to be reworked to include all items the insurance company covered but quantities and pricing need to be reconciled with FEMA.
- WisDOT Hwy A Bridge and Roadway
 - New floodplain and Oronto Creek bed opened.
 - Oronto Creek rerouted back under the old bridge May 29th.
 - Temporary Roadway opened June 1st.
 - Bridge Contractor expected on site June 16th. (6-week construction)
 - Project completion by late August.
- Received an additional \$336,000 in RBF Grants after Joint Finance approval.
- Completing scope of work for BIG Grant award of \$181,439.
 - An additional \$19,000 could be available to us if other applicant backs out.

**NORTHWEST ITBEC
TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Spooner, WI

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Northwest ITBEC Tourism Advisory Committee Chair Kathy Reinhard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Kathy Reinhard, Price County; Nikky Farmakes, Douglas County; Stan Buchanan, Barron County; Colleen Foxwell, Polk County; Sherry Beckman, Sawyer County; Chuck Anderson, Burnett County; Michelle Martin, Washburn County; Larry Willkom, Chippewa County. **EXCUSED:** Mary McPhetridge, Ashland County; Andy Albarado, Rusk County; Mary Motiff, Bayfield County; and Rita Franzoi, Iron County. **STAFF:** Bill Korror, Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Field Services Representative. **OTHERS:** Julie Fox, Wisconsin Department of Tourism Regional Tourism Specialist.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2018 TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES:
Motion by Buchanan, second by Farmakes, to approve the March 26, 2018 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REMARKS: Chair Reinhard welcomed everyone to Spooner. Chair Reinhard said with open fishing season starting, the fishermen may have to dodge the ice flows on a lot of the larger northern Wisconsin lakes.

PROJECT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- a. WCA Opioid Lawsuit: There are 63 counties that have joined the WCA opioid lawsuit, with several of the larger counties filing individual lawsuits. To date, there has only been one county that voted to not file a lawsuit over the opioid problem.

- b. Northwoods Rail Transit Commission: The Rail Transit Commission is going to a quarterly meeting schedule. Their most recent meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2018. They did file an objection to the proposed discontinuance of service by Wisconsin Central, Ltd., a subsidiary of Canadian National Railroad, on the 49 mile section of track from Rhinelander to Goodman. Wisconsin Central affirmed they are just asking for a discontinuance of service and not abandonment, which would permit the removal of the rail, ties, and associated infrastructure. Also on their agenda for that meeting was a rail user survey that is trying to gauge the extent of existing rail users and potential rail user in North Central and Northeastern Wisconsin.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Bill Korrer distributed copies of the current financial report to the Committee. Chippewa County did not include the 2018 ITBEC dues in their budget, so at this point there are 11 active counties. Larry Willkom shared that after Bill Korrer spoke to the new county administrator and new county board chair, there is renewed hope that Chippewa County will return for 2018. At the present time, there is an undesignated fund balance of \$18,468.77.

CONSIDERATION OF MOVING LOCATION OF FULFILLMENT PIECE

RESPONSES: Michelle Martin said that Washburn County Tourism/Spooner Chamber has been handling NW ITBEC responses for about five years now. With some new things happening this summer in her office, she felt it is time to shift those duties to a different location. Kathy Reinhard said that Mary in Ashland and Rita in Hurley have both offered to assume the duties. When questioned, Ms. Reinhard said that the first offer she received was from Ashland. Consensus of the group is to let Ashland do it since they were the first to offer. Michelle will coordinate with Mary McPhetridge on the transfer.

REPORT ON FULFILLMENT PIECE ACTIVITY: Michelle Martin said there were 65 pieces sent out in April and five so far in the month of May.

DISCUSSION OF 2018 MARKETING PLAN AND APPROVED BUDGET DOLLARS:

The Committee reviewed the 2018 marketing plan and heard what progress has been made on the individual components. The only deviation at this point is the WATVA portion. Michelle Martin had two options for the Committee. Option 1 is to run a full page ad for \$650 or run two smaller ads for \$850, one for summer and one for fall. Consensus is to run the two ads and apply any needs dollars from the internal "general advertising" line.

DISCUSSION OF MEDIA LIBRARY -Video Segment Project: Work continues on the final editing of the video segment. No end date has been announced at this time.

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REPORT ON SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY: Nikky Farmakes told the Committee that the Travel Northwest Wisconsin Facebook page is back up to 2,100 likes. The activity level is low because there hasn't been much of an advertising push now that northern Wisconsin is between seasons.

REPORT ON WEBSITE ACTIVITY: Michelle Martin was unable to access the website analytics for today's meeting, so there was no report given.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM REPORT: Julie Fox reminded the Committee that National Travel and Tourism Week is from May 6 – 12, 2018 which celebrates the contributions and accomplishments of the U.S. travel industry. The local tourism impact numbers will be released by Governor Walker and Tourism Secretary Klett on Friday. Ms. Fox said that she doesn't think there will be many disappointed people when they see the numbers.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Nothing new was suggested for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be held on July 18 starting at 10:00 a.m. in Spooner at the NWRPC offices.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business being concluded, at 11:26 a.m. Chair Reinhard declared the meeting adjourned.

Iron County Economic Development and Legislative Committee

Minutes of the May 2, 2018 Meeting
at Iron County Courthouse

Present: Joe Pinardi, Larry Erickson, Vic Ouimette, Ken Saari, Larry Youngs, Jim Kichak, John Sendra, Jay Aijala

Absent:

Guests Present: Kelly Klein (ICDZC) Carl Vaara, Gary Pelkola, Paul Mullard, Darel Petrussha, Opal Roberts, Norm McKindels, Brandon Yukaz, Leslie Kolesar, Mike Scholice, Joe Bonneville, David Dzuban, Stacy Ofstad

Agenda Item	Action Taken
1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by Chair Larry Youngs	
2. Roll Call: all present	
3. Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Klein said the meeting was posted	
4. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ken Saari to approve the minutes, Ouimette seconded it. M/C	Approved
5. Broadband Update: Steve Schneider of Bug Tussel Wireless LLC addressed the committee about plans to build out cell and broadband services within the county. Bug Tussel is under contract from AT&T to provide this along with emergency services. Steve was invited to come to a County Board meeting once plans become more finalized.	
10. Other Business: None	
11. Public Comment: None	
12. Adjourn: Aijala made a motion to adjourn, Saari moved to second the motion. M/C	

Kelly Klein. 5/2/18

2018 EDC Budget Proposal

Amount	Project	Space	Month
Advertising			
\$2,550	MN Snowmobile Mag	two half page	Nov/Jan
\$1,900	WI Snowmobile Mag	two half page	Nov/Jan
\$1,600	Illinois snowmobile mag	five half page	Oct-Feb
\$1,200	Iowa snowmobile mag	Three quarter page	Oct/Nov/Jan
\$1,300	WI ATV magazine	three half page	Spr/Sum/Fall
\$2,100	Minnesota Off Road	three half pages	Apr/Jun/Aug
\$1,800	Silent Sports magazine	three half page	Apr/May/Jun
\$800	Ruffed Grouse magazine	one half page	summer
\$960	Ice Annual destination	four quarter page digital	winter
\$2,600	Wisconsin Outdoor News	seven quarter page	Apr-Dec
\$3,000	Our Wisconsin magazine	three quarter page	Apr-June
\$495	Badger Birder	11 quarter page	annual
\$300	Heritage Festival Brochure	2000 copies	May
\$1,200	Waterfalls Brochure reprint	10,000 copies	
\$2,000	reprint Active Map	5,000 copies	
\$1,500	Paavo Jem grant match	50th anniversary	new markets
\$200	Copper Peak partnership	newsletter ect	annual
\$22,955			

Broadband

\$30,788 Lake of the Falls-Spider Lake towers

Committee

\$800 per diem
 \$100 social security
 \$250 travel
 \$3,000 ITBEC regional tourism
 \$1,000 students to Superior Days
 \$5,150

Totals

\$22,955 Advertising
 \$30,788 Broadband
 \$5,150 Committee
\$58,893 Total

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin 54534
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Extension Office Manager Rebecca Holm.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll call was taken by Holm. Committee members present: William Thomas, Opal Roberts, Brad Matson, Karl Krall, Jamey Francis. Also in attendance: Neil Klemme, Amy Nosal, Deb Leonard, Darrin Kimbler, Gina Monroe, Mary Pardee, County Board Chair Joe Pinardi. Iron County Youth Leadership Council (ICYLC) members present: Molly Hohner, Billie Botes, Haley Allen-Rodriquez, Dayne Stuhr, Tabitha Morello.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Holm acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Committee Reorganization:

- a) **Election of Chair** – Holm entertained nominations for position of Committee Chair. Roberts nominated Thomas, seconded by Francis. Holm called three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Francis moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) **Election of Vice Chair** – Thomas entertained nominations for the position of Committee Vice Chair. Thomas nominated Roberts, seconded by Matson. Thomas called three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Matson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roberts, seconded by Francis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for January 10, 2018: Roberts moved to approve minutes for January 10, 2018, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve financial reports: Committee members received Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs financial reports through April 30, 2018. Francis moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H and Youth Programs, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the 2017 Annual Report to the Iron County Board of Supervisors: Committee members received copies of the 2017 annual report in their packets. Matson moved to approve the 2017 Annual Report to the Iron County Board of Supervisors, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Iron County Youth Leadership Council member, Haley Allen-Rodriquez discussed the Iron County Youth Leadership Council Photo Contest, which has a deadline of March 2019.

Update on staffing of Iron County UW-Extension: Area Extension Director, Mary Pardee reported on the following:

a) Horticulture Educator Contract

- Darrin Kimbler's 20% Horticulture Educator position has been county funded since he started working for Iron County. All other educators are employees of UW-Extension.

- The 2018 budget was approved in January to include a 50% Agriculture/Horticulture position, which would be a new position through UW-Extension that Kimbler would have to apply for.
- This position is on hold as shared funding from UW-Extension is not available at this time.
- AEDs have been asked to look into a shared position with other counties.
- With \$22,000 in funds budgeted for Kimbler's position available, Pardee proposed that Kimbler's wage be increased from \$10/hour to \$15 hour, with a time increase from 8 hours per week to 16 hours per week. This increase would fall under the \$22,000 that has been budgeted for this year, and would leave a substantial savings in this account.
- Pardee will continue working on the shared position proposal and will have more information around budget time.

Matson moved to increase Kimbler's wage to \$15/hour and increase Kimbler's time to 16 hours per week for the remainder of 2018, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Summer Staff

- Felicia Herlevi and Emily Murphy will be returning as summer staff, with a start date of Monday, May 21st.
- Funding needed to staff a third summer assistant, Tandrell Foster, recently fell through.
- Due to the growth and popularity of Extension's summer programs, three summer assistants are needed.
- Klemme proposes that this position, which is \$10/hour – 400 hours, be funded in the following ways:
 - 999 camp account will fund \$1000.
 - Iron County 4-H Leaders Association will potentially fund \$1000.
 - Steve Eder from the Hurley STARS Program will potentially fund \$1000, since Foster will be collaborating with the STARS Program this summer.
 - Remaining funds will come from the savings left over from the budgeted Agriculture/Horticulture position, as explained above. Klemme asked that \$2000 be considered from these savings, just in case any of the sources above fall through.

Roberts moved to fund a summer assistant up to \$2000, to come from savings from the budgeted Agriculture/Horticulture position, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously.

Area Extension Director Report: Pardee reported on the following:

- UW-Extension has been hiring county educators across the state. Area 1 has filled the Community Development positions in Ashland and Bayfield and a 50% Human Development and Relationships position in Douglas County.
- Cooperative Extension merger with Madison was expected to be implemented by July 1, 2018; however, this merger will not happen until July 2019.
- There may be policy changes but the Cooperative Extension structure should stay the same.
- All Colleague Conference - Wisconsin Dells, which the Iron County Staff attended last week.
- North Central Extension Leadership Development Conference, which Pardee attended last week.
- Nosal's Interim Community Educator position ends on June 30, 2018.
 - Nosal is filling in for Will Andresen, who took on an Interim Community Natural Resource Development Program Director position in September 2017.

- As long as Andresen continues in his current position, Nosal's Interim appointment will be extended.
- If Andresen's Interim appointment ended, this position would be available to him after Nosal's contract is done.

Agent Reports

Before starting his report, Klemme stated that he would like to acknowledge Office Manager, Rebecca Holm, as she was nominated by the county staff and awarded the ESP Meritorious Support Staff of the Year award for her work in the County office and community.

4-H Youth Development - Klemme reported on the following:

- Iron County Summer Youth Camp will take place on July 10-13th with over thirty camp staff members and six 8th grade junior counselors selected.
- Outpost Camp is July 16-20th with a focus on canoeing this year instead of biking.
- Attending a national meeting in Maine next month to finalize plans for a future First Impressions presentation at the National Youth Conference next year.
- Klemme will be teaching a session at State Youth Conference, with 5 local youth participating.
- Space Camp ended last week, 4-H member, Luca Villanueva participated.
- ESP Early Career Award recipient at the JCEP Conference.
- Klemme, Nosal and Will Andresen also received an award for their participation in a research project about attracting and retaining youth in rural communities.
- SISU Endurance Team (SET)
 - The XC ski club was very successful this winter due to the amazing group of volunteers.
 - Expanding program to include a running and mountain biking club.
 - Klemme would like to see SET become a chartered 4-H Club.
- Klemme contacted Larry Erickson and Dave Traczyk/Iron County ATV Association to see if there is any interest in starting a 4-H ATV Club in partnership with the White Thunder Riders.

Interim Community Educator: Nosal reported on the following:

- County Trail Development – partnership with ICORE and the City of Hurley has been going well.
- March 28 - Moderated Iron County Citizens forum in Mercer.
- April 17-19 - Participated in the Asset Based Community Development workshop in Canada.
- May 13 - ICORE Trailhead Clean up.
- July 14 - Trail Fundraiser.
- September 19 - Small Community Forum in Hurley.
- Upcoming partnerships with Human Services, Farmers Markets, USDA Lunch Programs, Aging Unit, and Beth Wetzler/Mercer Chamber of Commerce.
- Grant writing partnerships.

FoodWise: Monroe and Leonard reported on the following:

- Federally funded contract through the USDA Farm Bill, which is good through 2019.
- Hurley Health Fair in April 2018 – Leonard and Monroe conducted 36 mini lessons in 3 hours about choosing healthy beverages (water) over sugary beverages.
- Working on 3-year plan for FoodWise.

- Conducted a needs assessment for each county, which everyone received with their packet.
- Seniors, age 65+ are nearly 28% of population vs. 14% of the Wisconsin overall senior population.
- Monroe stated that the FoodWise target audience are parents and young children but wants to address the barriers for the 65+ target audience, mainly transportation needs.
 - Roberts invited Monroe to the next transportation meeting.
- Leonard stated that school programming is complete for this school year and that she will be moving on to her summer programming, which includes working with the senior population and the Hurley STARS program.

Horticulture: Kimbler reported on the following:

- The 15 new Master Gardener Volunteers, who graduated in late January 2018, have been conducting programming in the community, such as reseeding Highway 51 with seed bombs.
- April 2018 - Pruning Class at Gogebic Community College, Soil Health Class and Earth Day events in Mercer.
- Silver Street Planting is scheduled for May 31st, with a rain day for June 1st.
- Horticulture Therapy Summit planning will begin in the Fall.
- Kimbler's long-term planning includes looking into the development of a commercial maple industry in Iron County.

Schedule next Extension Education Committee meeting: Next Extension Education Committee meeting will be scheduled on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the North Lakeland Discovery Center at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn: Francis moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Krall. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.